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FOLLOWING REPEAT CAPE TOWN 768 ACTION SECSTATE AND USUN NEW YORK
INFO DAR ES SALAAM, LAGOS, LONDON, LUSAKA, BONN, PARIS, OTTAWA,
AND PRETORIA DATED APRIL 19, 1978.

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: VANCE/OWEN MEETING WITH BOTHA

REF: SECTO 4091,

1. DCM NELSON AND BRITISH AMBASSADOR SCOTT CALLED ON BRAND
FOURIE AT THE LATTER'S REQUEST THIS AFTERNOON (APRIL 18).
FOURIE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO HAVE RESPONSES
SOON, IN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE DAYS IF POSSIBLE, CONCERNING
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THE QUESTIONS ON WHICH SECRETARY VANCE AND DR. OWEN HAD
UNDERTAKEN IN PRETORIA ON SUNDAY TO CONSULT THEIR FRENCH,
GERMAN AND CANADIAN COLLEAGUES. FOURIE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW
ALL THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE IN THE SEPARATE MEETING HELD WITH BOTHA
SUNDAY EVENING AND, THEREFORE, WAS NOT SURE WHETHER HE WAS AWARE
OF ALL SUCH QUESTIONS. HE MENTIONED THREE: A) THE FINAL
WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS AND THE EFFECT OF

A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION OR OTHER ACTION ON THE MATTER;
B) INTERPRETATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATOR
GENERAL AND THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE; C) ASSURANCES TO THE
PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA WITH RESPECT TO THE "THREATS FROM THE NORTH."

2. FOURIE SAID THAT BOTHA WOULD BE PRESENTING THE
WESTERN PROPOSAL IN A "FORMAL AND FINAL WAY" TO THE
CABINET VERY SHORTLY AND THE WESTERN RESPONSE ON THESE
QUESTIONS WOULD, OF COURSE, EFFECT THE NATURE AND CONTENT
OF THIS PRESENTATION.
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